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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF POSSIBLE A-10 DEPLOYMENT KADENA

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REF: TOKYO 12290

1. DEPARTMENT CANNOT PRECISELY DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF THE YOMIURI STORY ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS IT WAS PIECED TOGETHER FROM SEVERAL SEPARATE ITEMS (OTHER PRESS SPECULATION, TESTIMONY TO CONGRESS ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS, ETC.) OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. EXCEPT FOR THE AIRCRAFT TYPE, THE STORY IS SURPRISINGLY CLOSE TO THE FACTS. THE GOJ WAS, OF COURSE, FULLY INFORMED OF THE AIR FORCE
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PROGRAMMED CHANGE TO F-15 EQUIPAGE, MOST RECENTLY BY SECRETARY BROWN FOLLOWING THE US-ROK SCM. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE AIR FORCE HAS RECENTLY STARTED ACTION TO DECLASSIFY THE PROGRAMMED CHANGE AND HAS PREDICATED THE TIMING OF DE-CLASSIFICATION ON TWO ACTIVITIES: NOTIFICATION OF GOJ OF AIR FORCE INTENTIONS (CINCPAC WILL CONTACT EMBASSY) AND COMPLETION OF GEN JONES VISIT. THE GOJ SHOULD PROBABLY

BE INFORMED OF THE FOREGOING FOR THEIR BACKGROUND.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES, YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING APPROACH: STATE SIMPLY THAT YOU HAVE NO COMMENT

ON FUTURE DEPLOYMENT OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT TO KADENA. YOU MAY ADD THAT THE A-10 HAS IN FACT DEPLOYED TO KADENA (AS YOU KNOW, 2 A-10'S VISITED IN JUNE). THIS DEPLOYMENT WAS TO ACQUAINT PACOM FORCES WITH THE CAPABILITIES OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT. THE A-10'S HAVE SINCE RETURNED TO THE CONUS. YOU MAY ALSO ADD THAT THE USAF DOES NOT CURRENTLY PLAN TO DEPLOY THE A-10 TO KADENA AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE.

3. FYI: WE SUSPECT THE STORY ORIGINATED WITH SAITO OF THE WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE YOMIURI. HE HAS BEEN PRESSING THIS ISSUE SINCE HE DISCOVERED THE REFERENCE TO A POSSIBLE NEW AIRPLANE GOING TO KADENA IN UNCLASSIFIED CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR FY78. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAD NARROWED THE POSSIBILITIES TO FOUR AIRCRAFT (F-15, F-16, A-10, AWACS). THE APPROACH OUTLINED ABOVE FOR PRESS QUERIES WILL NARROW THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SPECULATION TO THREE. END FYI. VANCE

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